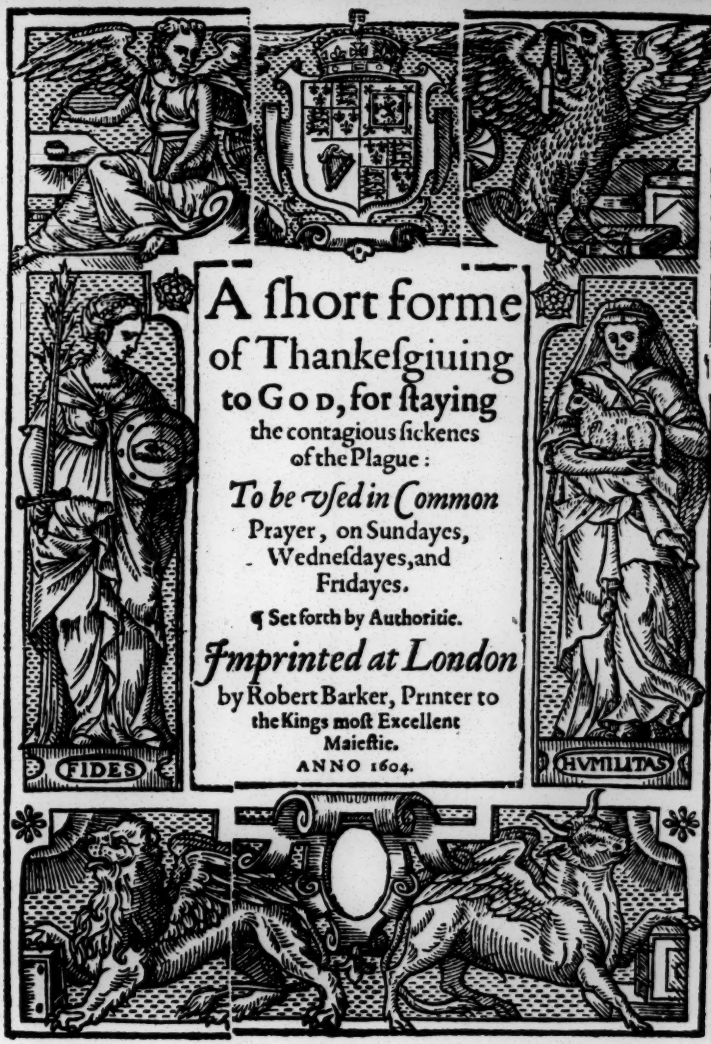


A ſhort forme of Thankeſgiuing to GOD, for ſtaying the contagious ſickenes of the Plague:

To be vſed in Common Prayer, on Sundayes, Wedneſdayes, and Fridayes.

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¶ Read the ordinary Seruice till you come to the Pſalmes. And *in ſtead of thoſe which are appointed of* courſe, read ſome of theſe: *Viz.* 34. 95. 103. 116. 107. 118. 145. 146. 147.

¶ *After the ſecond Leſſon, read this Pſalme following.*

LOrd, thou art become gratious vnto thy Land, thou haſt turned away the afflictions of thy ſeruants. 1. Pſal. 85.

Thou haſt taken away all thy diſpleaſure, and turned thy ſelfe from thy wrathfull indignation. 2.

For if thou Lord hadſt not helped vs, it had not failed, but our ſoules had bene put to ſilence. 3. Pſal. 94.

4. But when we ſaid our feete haue ſlipped, thy mercie, O Lord, helped vs vp.

5. **In the multitude of the ſorrowes that we had in our hearts, thy comforts haue refreſhed our ſoules.**

6. Our ſoules waited ſtill vpon the Lord, our
Pſal. 62.63 ſoules hanged vpon his helpe, our hope was alwayes in him.

7. **In the Lords word did we reioyce, in Gods word did we comfort our ſelues.**

8. For the Lord ſaid: Call vpon mee in the
Pſal. 50. time of trouble, and I wil heare thee, and thou ſhalt praiſe me.

9. **So when wee were poore, needy, ſickly,**
Pſal. 40.69 **and in heauineſſe, the Lord cared for vs: hee was our helpe and our Sauiour according to his word.**

10. In our aduerſitie and diſtreſſe hee hath lift
Pſal. 27. vp our heads, and ſaued vs from vtter deſtruction.

11. **Hee hath deliuered our ſoules from**
Pſal. 33.91 **death, hee hath fedde vs in the time of dearth, hee hath ſaued vs from the noyſome Peſtilence.**

12. Therefore will we offer in his holy Tem-
Pſal. 27. ple, the oblation of Thankeſgiuing with great

great gladneſſe: we will ſing and ſpeake praiſes vnto the Lord our Sauiour.

We will giue thankes vnto the Lord, for hee is gratious, and his mercy endureth for euer. 13. Pſal.106.

The Lord is full of compaſſion and mercie, long ſuffering, plenteous in goodneſſe and pitie. 14. Pſal.86. 103.

His mercy is greater then the heauens, and his gratious goodneſſe reacheth vnto the cloudes. 15. Pſal.57. 108.

Like as a father pitieth his owne children: euen ſo is the Lord mercifull vnto them that feare him. 16. Pſal.103.

Therefore will we praiſe thee and thy mercies, O God, vnto thee will wee ſing, O thou Holy one of Iſrael. 17. Pſal.71.

Wee will ſing a New ſong vnto thee, O God, we will praiſe the Lord with Pſalmes of Thankeſgiuing. 18. Pſal.98.

O ſing praiſes, ſing praiſes vnto our God: O ſing praiſes, ſing praiſes vnto our King. 19. Pſal.47.

For God is the King of the earth, ſing praiſes with vnderſtanding. 20.

Wee will magnifie thee, O God our King, 21. Pſal.145.

King, wee will praiſe thy Name for euer and euer.

22. Euery day will we giue thankes vnto thee, and praiſe thy Name for euer and euer.

23. **Our mouth ſhall ſpeake the praiſes of the Lord, and let all fleſh giue thanks to his holy Name for euer and euer.**

24. Bleſſed be the Lord God of Iſrael for euer:
Pſal. 21.72 and bleſſed bee the Name of his Maieſtie world without end. AMEN. AMEN.

In ſtead of the other Prayers vſed in the time of the Sickeneſſe, *Read ſome of theſe following.*



Ee will magnifie thee, O God our King, and we will praiſe thy name for euer and euer: becauſe in the midſt of thine anger, thinking vpon mercie, thou haſt deliuered our ſoules from death, and preſerued vs from that noyſome peſtilence, which not long ſince, raged in this Citie, ſweeping away the rich with the poore, the aged with the young, leauing whole houſes deſolate, and filling all places with dead bodies: So that in mans iudgement there was no hope remayning, but that this yeere would haue thereby proued yet more dreadful and infectious then the former.

mer. But because thou Wilt haue it knowen, that thou onely Woundest and canst heale againe, that thou killest and reuiuest, bringest euen to hell and backe againe: thou hast vouchsafed, contrarie to all humane expectation (such is thy power and goodnesse) to command thine Angell to stay his hande, and spare this Citie, and hast turned thine anger and the fiercenesse therof vpon many other Cities and Townes within this Realme. Wee therfore at this time offer vp vnto thee a double sacrifice, at once, of hearty Thankesgiuing for this our strange deliuerance, and of humble and earnest Prayers, for those dolefull places, thus grieuously afflicted: beseeching thee for thy Sonne Jesus Christ his sake, to be gracious vnto them also, that both they and We in ioynt affection, may acknowledge thy iustice in thy punishments, and recorde thine infinite mercies in sparing vs miserable sinners, through Jesus Christ thy Sonne, and our Sauiour, to Whom, &c.

O most

Thankesgiuings.

O Most gracious God, seeing it hath pleased thee in the multitude of those sorrowes which we had in our hearts, by reason of that grieuous contagion which thou lately didst send amongst vs (besides the feare and expectation of the like, or a more violent infection this present yeere) to sende thy comfortes for the refreshing of our soules, and to remooue that fearefull pestilence frō vs, not for any desert of ours, who are most wretched sinners: nor by any meanes of mans deuise, but onely of thine owne fauour, and for thy mercies sake: We yeeld vnto thy diuine Maiestie all thankes and praise, for this thine especiall goodnesse; trusting that we shal take warning, by this last dreadful iudgment, for euer prouoking thee to such a Wrathfull indignation againe. And hauing felt the weight of thy heauie hand vpon our selues, tenderly compassionating the woefull case of those Cities and Townes in this Realme, which are nowe stricken

with the same; We most humbly beseech thee, most mercifull Father, to extend the like mercie to them, that thou hast done to vs. Good Lord spare them, and heare their praiers, now crying vnto thee in the vexation of their spirits, and the anguish of their soules, and vs for them, that so this whole land may ioyfully prayse thy Name, and say; Lord thou art become gracious vnto thy land, thou hast turned away all thy displeasure. Graunt this O Lord, for thine onely Sonnes sake, Jesus Christ our Lord and onely Sauiour, Amen.



Almightie and eternall God, Which strikest and healest, bringest downe to death and quickenest againe, Who in thy iust iudgement for our sinnes diddest lately sore plague vs in our chiefe Citie and round about, with great sickenesse and mortalitie: yet remembring thy mercie hast turned thy selfe most graciously vnto vs, and comforted vs againe, by ceasing the plague therein, euen then When as by all likelihoode both

both of the time and place, and concourse of people, and our little amendment of life, We could not but iustly feare & expect the continuance and encreasing of the same: Wee most humbly acknowledge with all due thankefulnesse from the bottome of our hearts, this thine exceeding gracious goodnesse and vndeserued mercie, euermore praysing thy great & glorious name, for so wonderfull grace and clemencie towards vs most vile and wretched sinners so freely and mercifully extended: most humbly beseeching thee of thy fatherly goodnesse, not onely to continue this gracious course of thy louing fauour, in mittigating and lessening more and more this noysome Pestilence, till it be cleane remoued from vs: But also to powre thy heauenly Grace into our hearts, that We neuer forgetting how grieuously and iustly Wee haue bene chastened for our sinnes, and yet in Mercy not consumed, but raised vp againe and comforted, may learne thereby, both to feare thy dreadful iudgements against sinne, and so by true Repentance to turne vnto thee from our

wicked wayes, least a worse Plague fall vpon vs: And also to put our whole trust in thy Mercy, and approch with confidence vnto thy Throne of Grace, for help and succour in all our troubles and aduersities, Euermore thanking & praysing thy glorious Maiestie for this thy most mercifull and maruellous deliuerance, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Sauiour.



God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the God of all Mercie and Comfort, Which art Lord of life and death, and rulest all things in heauen and earth by the Word of thy Power: Looke downe mercifully from thy Holy place, vpon the people of this Land yet grieuously afflicted in many places, with great sicknesse and mortalitie. And as by thy great Mercy, the Plague which lately raged in our chiefe City, threatning vtter consumption and desolation to the same, is now slaked and assuaged to our great comfort, for

Which

which we praise and magnifie thy glorious Name: So likewise we most humbly beseech thee, in the tender bowels of thy endlesse Compassion, to be gratious and mercifull to the other parts of this Land, now fearefully affrighted and afflicted with this grieuous Plague & pestilence. Send them good Lord, speedy help and succour from thy Holy habitation; And as thou diddest sometimes turne away thy fierce wrath from the Niniuites, being iustly threatened out against them, and euen hanging ouer their heads, by giuing them Repentance through thy Grace: So now visite the hearts of thy people in this Land with thine heauenly Grace, and holy Spirit, that they may speedily and soundly returne vnto thee from all their wicked wayes, in true Repentance, and a liuing Faith in Iesus Christ: That so wee may bee deliuered from this heauy Wrath & Plague, which our sinnes haue pulled downe and scattered amongst vs; And learne by thy fearefull Iudgements to walke hereafter before thee, in continuall reuerence

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and obedience, And for thy gratious mercie to giue thee Euerlasting praise and glory, through Iesus Christ our Lord.



Almightie God, which art the Resurrection of the dead, and the Life of them which liue, Who in thy displeasure carriest vs downe in a moment to the gates of death, and in thy mercie recallest our Soules backe to dwell in the land of the liuing: Wee giue thee humble thankes, that it hath pleased thee to restore vs when wee were almost past hope, to strengthen vs in the extremitie of our weakenesse, to deliuer vs thy people of this Citie from the Contagion, when in the eye of mans reason it was most likely to haue encreased. This we acknowledge to be thy doing, O Lord, and it is wonderful in our eyes, which haue seene these thy great mercies surpassing the strength of our hope: and wee beseech thee to continue thy gracious goodnesse towards vs still, whereby all the world may see and knowe, that thou art our

mercifull Father, and Wonderfull Deliuerer, to the glory of thy holy Name, and to the comfort of vs thy children, through Iesus Christ our Lord.



Heauenly Father, which art the Fountaine of Life, and the GOD of our health, in whome alone Wee liue, and moue, and haue our being: We beseech thee, that as thou hast beene gracious vnto this Citie, and the parts about it, in remouing from hence that fearefull Plague, which for our sins thou haddest most iustly sent among vs: So it would please thee to heare these our intercessions for our brethren, which in other places of this Realme do yet grone vnder thy punishing hand. O Lord, be gracious also vnto them, and command thine Angel to sheath his Sword, that a remnant may be saued. So shall Wee all ioyntly magnifie thy Mercies, and compasse about thine Altars with songs of deliuerance, to our vnspeakeable comfort, and to thy euerlasting Glory, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.